Exploration Of Oil Wells at Krishna - Godavari Basin

106. SHRI KALPNATH RAI; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details off the progress made so far in the exploration of oil wells in the on-shore and off-shore regions of the Krishna and Godavari basins;

(b) whether any source of petroleum and natural gas was discovered there recently;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to exploit the above sources commercially?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM). (a) So far 29 wells onshore and 35 wells offshore have been drilled in Krishna-Godavari basin. ,

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.. Oil and gas have recently been discovered in wells GS-16-5 (offshore) and -Ghin-talapalli. During initial testing, the wells flowed oil and gas as follows:-

Name of well	Location	oil/gas flow	Choke size
GS - 16 - 5	About 4.5 KM from coast in KG. offshore.	2985 barrels of oil per day and 1.6 lakhs cubic meters of gas per day	32/64"
Chintalapalli	About 2.5 km of Razole town	6 lakhs cubic meters of gas per day	24/64"

(d) These discoveries are still in exploration .stage and their potential for commercial exploitation will be known only after completion of exploration/delineation.

Krishna-Godavari basin as oil and gas bearing region

107. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM . AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Krishna-Godavari offshore basin has emerged as the most prospective oil and gas bearing region;

(b) whether Government propose to drill more wells to increase oil and gas production in the area; and

(c) what is the total estimated oil and gas reserves in the said region?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM); (a) Although the basin is still in exploration stage, yet it is emerging as prospective for hydrocarbons.

(b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to drill two exploratory well in Kri-shna^GodaVari offshore during the current year i.e. tl988-89.

(c) As on 1st January, 1987, the geological reserves of hydrocarbons in Krishna-Godavri basin have been estimated at 24.57 miftion tonnes of oil and oil equivalent of gas.

Policy regarding Foreign Collaboration

108. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state: